

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## MIKE SUMMERS RETIREMENT

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2011*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Michael Summers on his retirement. Mike, a 40-year member, 12-year officer, and Business Manager of Ironworkers Local #395, has dedicated his life to the interests of his fellow tradesmen and the entire community in Northwest Indiana. For his lifetime of service to the Ironworkers and the Northwestern Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, Mike will be honored at a retirement dinner taking place at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, IN, on May 13, 2011.

During his 40-year membership in Ironworkers Local #395, Mike has held many positions and assisted the Building Trades in numerous capacities. Mike has represented the Ironworkers Local #395 as Trustee to the Health and Welfare Plan, the Annuity Plan, and the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. He has devoted much of his time to numerous boards and currently is a member of the Building Construction Resource Center. Additionally, he is a member of the Tri-Parte Committees for U.S. Steel, Arcelor Mittal Indiana Harbor, and Burns Harbor. Mike is the past President of the Northwestern Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council and has held elected office for the Ironworkers Local #395 as a Business Agent; currently, he is the Business Manager. Mike's passion, devotion, and continuous support to the Building Trades is truly remarkable and he is worthy of the highest praise.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty to its members and service to the community. Mike Summers has always displayed these qualities and I profoundly respect his unwavering dedication to his own members and all the members of the Building Trades. I also deeply value his community involvement that has touched and inspired so many. When it comes to serving those in need throughout the community, Michael Summers has always been the first in line. He is generous to a fault.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Summers has given his time and efforts selflessly to those he has worked with and represented. He has been a true role model to his peers and a true friend to Northwest Indiana. Personally, I have found no better or loyal friend. I treasure our friendship. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mike for his outstanding contributions and in wishing him well upon his retirement.

## CONGRATULATING THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM OF ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2011*

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mock Trial team of Adams High School in South Bend, Indiana, winners of the 2011 National Mock Trial Competition. Adams High School once again displayed its superior Mock Trial skills in its second national title and tenth time placing in the top ten nationally. The competition, held in the Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. District Courthouse in Phoenix, Arizona on May 6 and 7, 2011, featured 48 teams from 43 states, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, South Korea and Australia. Each team competed in four rounds before the final deciding match. Adams defeated the Missouri state champions to cap its remarkable season which included winning the Indiana state championship in March.

The team, nicknamed "The Ruckus," practiced 40 hours each week leading up to the national competition. The team members include seniors David Kern, Matt Caponigro, Toby Stoner, Peter Doyle, Geoff Burdell and Czesia Eid, and junior Jeremy Doyle. The team was coached by Adams teacher Heath Weaver with the assistance of Coaches John Scanlan, Erin Linder, Andrew Jones, Lucas Burkett, and timekeeper Maria Caponigro.

Mock Trial competitions require research, mastery of legal issues, honing of courtroom tactics, and strong teamwork. Each team is called on to prepare a legal case from the perspectives of both the plaintiff and defendant and assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses at trial. Peter Doyle was recognized as Best Witness in the national competition, an honor reflecting his extraordinary contribution to the victory. Again, I offer my congratulations to the members of the team, the coaches, Adams High School, and members of the community who supported the team throughout their training. The Adams Mock Trial team has represented Indiana, the City of South Bend, their school and themselves with excellence and distinction.

## RECOGNIZING LT. DAVID LENO, A CHICAGO FIREFIGHTER, FOR RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2011*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a courageous public servant, Chicago firefighter, Lt. David Leno. Today, in front of the Illinois Fire Services Association's

Firefighter Memorial, Lt. Leno will be presented with the distinguished Medal of Valor. Lt. Leno's years of untiring service to the Chicago community remind us of the extraordinary altruism necessary to commit one's life to the service and protection of the community. Furthermore, this distinction recognizes his exemplary dedication to public safety and his commitment to duty.

The Medal of Valor is presented annually to firefighters who continually serve their communities without reservation in the face of danger or who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Nominated for this honor by Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff, today Lt. Leno will join the ranks of fellow Chicago servicemen and fallen comrades in receiving an award that recognizes outstanding dedication.

In his 22 years of service, Lt. Leno has distinguished himself time and time again with countless acts of heroism. In addition to being formally recognized in 2009 by Mayor Daley for coordinating and participating in the rescue of three victims from the third floor of a burning building, Lt. Leno was nominated for Chicago's Carter Harrison Award and won a Special Honorable Mention for his firefighting performance.

The 3rd District and Chicago are fortunate to have public servants like Lt. Leno whose tireless commitment to safeguarding his community sets an example for all. On behalf of the residents of Illinois' 3rd District, I thank Lt. David Leno for his outstanding devotion, demonstration of selflessness, and personal courage above and beyond the call of duty; and I congratulate him for his deservedly being awarded the Medal of Valor.

## COMMEMORATING THE 103RD BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY NURSE CORPS AND 100 YEARS OF SERVICE ON GUAM

**HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 103rd birthday of the United States Navy Nurse Corps, and their centennial anniversary of service on Guam. The Navy Nurse Corps has a long history in Guam and continues to be instrumental in supporting Guam's health care system by training local nurses and modernizing health care practices on the island. I would like to recognize and commend the Navy Nurse Corps's outstanding contributions and service to the United States Navy, our nation, and the people of Guam.

Upon their arrival in 1911, three Navy nurses established the U.S. Naval Hospital School for Native Nurses on Guam. This school provided important nursing education and training to local nurses who cared for patients in acute care hospitals, public health village dispensaries, and in people's homes. By

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